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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re : Application of Roesgen
For : **FABRIC UNDERLAY FOR IMPROVING TREAD
CIRCUMFERENTIAL AND MERIDIONAL RIGIDITY**

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**ADDITIONAL SHEET(S) SHOWING
AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (THRICE AMENDED) A pneumatic radial ply runflat tire comprising a tread, two insert reinforced sidewalls, two inextensible annular beads, a radial ply structure having one or more radial plies, and a belt structure located between the tread and the radial ply structure, the runflat tire characterized by:

a fabric underlay deployed between the belt structure and the radial ply structure for supporting tensile loads during both normal-inflated and runflat operating conditions, the fabric underlay comprising high-modulus reinforcing cords being aligned [from] at a cord angle of about 0 degrees to [less than 20] 5 degrees with respect to the equatorial plane of the tire, the fabric underlay being a wound ribbon of cord-reinforced rubber wherein the ribbon is butt joined against laterally adjacent portions of the ribbon without overlapping.